

## House Resolution No. 2514

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives enjoy a long, proud tradition of meeting their responsibilities to the citizens of this state while upholding the virtues represented by the "Glory of Missouri": Knowledge, Liberty, Equality, Law, Justice, Fraternity, Education, Progress, Honor, Truth, Virtue, Temperance, Enterprise, and Charity; and

**Whereas**, these virtues are engraved in the House Chamber of the State Capitol with the inscription: "All the foregoing human qualities bind into one theme, the Glory of Missouri because no people attain these virtues unless they are great."; and

**Whereas**, the "Glory of Missouri" Award was created to encourage the values held by the early leaders of Missouri and to recognize those standards as exemplified in our schools and communities by this state's young people, the future of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Jon Smoot, a student at Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, has been selected to receive the "Glory of Missouri" Award for his accomplishments in the areas of LIBERTY, JUSTICE, and PROGRESS as defined by the intent of the Decorating Commission for the Capitol in 1922; and

**Whereas**, LIBERTY: "There is no higher or better conception of Liberty with all it means to us and to the world than our own Goddess of Liberty resounding the national motto – "E Pluribus Unum" (In God We Trust)."; and

**Whereas**, JUSTICE: "She stands firm upon a rock, a shield under her right hand, and a scepter of authority in her left, Justice in the affairs of men is a strange mixture of the human and the divine. Sometimes there is law in it, sometimes there is mercy in it."; and

**Whereas**, PROGRESS: "The early Missouri Legislature saw progress as not only power and action, but a mode of careful planning and solutions.";

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in commending Jon Smoot for his noteworthy achievements in the pursuit of LIBERTY, JUSTICE, and PROGRESS, and in extending heartfelt congratulations to him at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Jon Smoot, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Danie Moore  
District No. 20

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2514, adopted May 6, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker